



General Assembly

January Session, 2007

**Committee Bill No. 696**

LCO No. 3846

\*03846SB00696PH\_\*

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT EXPANDING THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of  
2       Mental Health and Addiction Services, in conjunction with the  
3       Commissioner of Children and Families, shall develop an  
4       implementation plan for transferring responsibility for the provision of  
5       mental health and substance abuse treatment services for children  
6       sixteen years of age or older to the Department of Mental Health and  
7       Addiction Services. Not later than February 1, 2008, said  
8       commissioners shall submit the implementation plan to the joint  
9       standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
10      matters relating to human services and public health, along with any  
11      findings and recommendations about such transfer of responsibility,  
12      including, but not limited to, recommendations for legislation to  
13      effectuate such transfer.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
--

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
-----------	---------------------	-------------

***Statement of Purpose:***

To give the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services jurisdiction over teenagers in need of mental health or substance abuse treatment.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

Co-Sponsors: SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

S.B. 696